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In re Application of :
Gregory J. Ward, et al. :
Application No. 09/964,296 :
Filed: September 20, 2001 :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 7, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 24, 2004, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned at midnight on May 25, 2004.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee; (2) the petition and publication fees; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the issue fee is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3229.

The application matter is being forwarded to the Publishing Division for further processing.

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